

Appl. No. 10/079,611
Amdt. dated 6/10/04
Reply to Office action of 4/19/04

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been canceled, since the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 8. Claim 9 has been canceled. Claims 3-4 and 8 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 8, 3, 4, and 9, under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Crandall. Claim 2 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claims 3 and 4 depend on claim 8. Claim 9 has been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 3-4 and 8 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Dated: June 10, 2004

By Curtis B. Hamre
Curtis B. Hamre
Reg. No. 29,165